

RELAPSING FEVER

- Caused by bacteria obtained from tick bites
 - Soft ticks feed for short periods of time (an hour) and the organisms are inoculated within minutes
- Symptoms
 - Periods of fever, chills, headaches, body aches, muscle aches, and cough, alternating with periods when the fever subsides
- Countermeasures Prevent tick bites
 - Use the DOD Insect Repellent System
 - Sleep under a permethrin-treated bed net
 - Regular examination of clothing and skin for ticks; promptly remove attached ticks

